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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Edayatimangalam Raja Bhavani Shanmugasundaram, Kalathinkal Radha Shanmugasundaram, Rolland Hébert, Sohail Malik and Michael Baker**

Group Art Unit: 1651

Application No. : 09/048,966

Filed : March 26, 1998

For : **COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING DIABETES, IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE AND RELATED SYMPTOMS, AND METHODS FOR PREPARING AND USING SUCH COMPOSITIONS**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed January 13, 1999. Please amend the claims of the subject application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-13, 20, 22 and 24.

Please add the following claims:

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